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COMMUNICATIONS, RECORDING MEDIUM, AND COMPUTER  
PROGRAM

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of October 17, 2007, in which a three month shortened statutory period was set to expire on January 17, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants' **Amendments to the Claims** *begin on page 2 of this Reply.*

Applicants' **Remarks** *begin on page 12 of this Reply.*